



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

MAR 25 2016

Mr. Robert A. Bilott  
Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP  
425 Walnut Street, Suite 1800  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-3957

Dear Mr. Bilott:

Thank you for your correspondences of January 29, 2016, February 16, 2016, and March 1, 2016, requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) take certain actions related to perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) associated with the Washington Works facility.

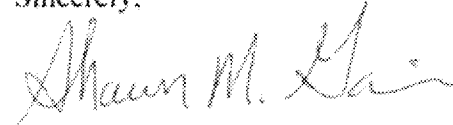
EPA is currently in the process of developing an updated lifetime Health Advisory for PFOA based on the best available science. Health advisories serve as guidance and are benchmarks for determining if concentrations of contaminants in tap water are safe for public consumption; they provide federal, state, tribal and local governments with non-regulatory guidance to make decisions in cases where a contaminant is not federally regulated. Once finalized, the new lifetime Health Advisory will supersede the agency's provisional value for PFOA issued in 2009. The agency expects to finalize and publish the updated Health Advisory this spring. EPA is working with states and local communities to ensure that the latest information is available for purposes of making risk management decisions when it comes to drinking water protection and treatment.

Because data reported pursuant to EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule, 77 Fed. Reg. 26072 (May 2, 2012), to date, shows that a very small percentage of water systems nationally have detected concentrations of PFOA, EPA has and continues to take action to reduce public exposure to PFOA.

While EPA moves forward on finalizing the lifetime health advisory level for PFOA, EPA continues to work with state drinking water officials and potentially impacted water systems to gather and review drinking water data in communities located in the vicinity of the Washington Works facility in West Virginia (including Vienna and Parkersburg) and Ohio. EPA is considering whether any additional immediate response may be necessary to address risks to persons served by such water systems and potentially impacted private water supplies. We will continue these efforts.

EPA appreciates your continued interest in these matters. If you have further questions, please contact Mary Coe, Regional Counsel, at (215) 814-2617.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Shawn M. Garvin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shawn" being more prominent.

Shawn M. Garvin  
Regional Administrator

cc: Robert Kaplan, Regional Administrator, USEPA Region 5